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Rep. Shuler Introduces Resolution Honoring the late Kay Yow

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Heath Shuler has introduced legislation honoring the late N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow.

The resolution, cosponsored by the entire North Carolina Congressional delegation, recognizes Yow for her unparalleled contributions to women's athletics and leadership in the fight against cancer.

First diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, Yow led a difficult and high-profile battle against the disease, raising awareness nationwide and inspiring thousands of Americans to fight cancer and to seek a cure. She passed away on January 24th, after her third bout with the disease.

"On the court Kay Yow was a fine coach and a tremendous competitor," Shuler said. "But her leadership off the court and her grace and determination in fighting cancer were truly an inspiration to millions of people across the nation."

Throughout her battle with cancer she continued to be a leader on the court, leading the U.S. women's basketball team to gold in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, guiding N.C. State to a Final Four in 1998, and becoming one of six NCAA Division 1 women's head basketball coaches to achieve 700 career victories. Yow was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Yow was also a founding member and past president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and established the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. The Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund works in partnership with the V Foundation to fight women's cancers by raising money for scientific research, assisting the underserved, and unifying people through a common cause

"Coach Yow has affected the lives of so many people through her work," Shuler continued. "She was a pioneer, leader, and role model, and her legacy will live on."

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